IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Andreas BERGMANN Group Art Unit 1641

Serial No.: 10/551,298 Examiner: Christine E. Foster

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For: DETERMINATION OF A MIDREGIONAL PROADRENOMEDULLIN

PARTIAL PEPTIDE IN BIOLOGICAL FLUIDS FOR DIAGNOSTIC PURPOSES, AND IMMUNOASSAYS FOR CARRYING OUT SUCH

A DETERMINATION

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated December 23, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.